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836-800 William St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1880's

As originally built, all of the houses but one lining this side of the 800 block of William St. were three story in height with gable roofs, and all but 828 William St. are two bays wide. The exception is 806 William St. which is a two story plus attic brick house. The houses were built for a middle class market--men who had prospered in the local shipbuilding and glass-making trades and could afford a larger and more comfortable house than the two story plus attic type built for their working class neighbors. Many of the houses retain their original appearance but 828, 818, and 800 William St. now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices, added after the Civil War. 804 William St. is one of only two bow-fronted, Classical-Revival influenced brick and brownstone houses in the Federal Hill area, and seems to have replaced an earlier structure on the site. At 820 William St., at the south-west corner of William and Churchill Streets, is the currently vacant, Classical-Revival style church building of the South-Baltimore Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church, built by church members in the early 1850's. The building is three stories in height with a high gable roof that runs parallel to Churchill St., the pedimented gable end fronting on William St. The facade is divided into three bays by two-story high brick piers that run from the high "rusticated" basement to the severe Classical pediment.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

828 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
— STRUCTURE
— SITE
— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS
— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
— UNOCCUPIED
— WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
— YES: UNRESTRICTED
— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE — MUSEUM
— COMMERCIAL — PARK
— EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
— ENTERTAINMENT — RELIGIOUS
— GOVERNMENT — SCIENTIFIC
— INDUSTRIAL — TRANSPORTATION
— MILITARY — OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice was built somewhat later than the group of gable roofed houses adjoining it on William St. There is a four bay deep, three story addition to the rear, with a second, later two story, one bay deep addition abutting it.

The house is a full three stories in height, 16 1/2' wide, and extends back on its lot about . It is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a wooden cornice of Italianate design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by four carved brackets. The underside of the molding strip is divided into three scroll-sawed panels, and it is bordered by a row of cut-work scallops. The carved brackets connect the cornice to a heavy, lower molding strip, thereby forming a brick freize area which is punctuated by three scroll-sawed ventilating panels. A double, rectangular covered chimney is located along the northern side of the house. There is also a rear end chimney. located at the south-west corner of the kitchen addition.

All of the window openings are surmounted by splayed brick lintels. The sills are stone. The first floor openings are filled with new 9/9 sash; the second and third floor openings are filled with new 6/6 sash. The doorway has a round arched lintel with a single light transom, the glass cut to fit the round arch. There is a modern flush door with three lights set within the door. The house sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by three marble steps. There are two rectangular coal openings set beneath the first floor windows, each with a splayed brick lintel.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1865-1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being one of a fairly small group of large, Victorian style houses built in the Federal Hill area after the Civil War to accommodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area who had prospered at local trades and businesses to the point where they could afford a large houses with definite stylistic pretensions. Apart from the fashionable shed roof and bracketed cornice, the house is essentially the same in plan as its gable-roofed predecessors, except that in this case, because the house is three bays wide there is a separate entrance hall that leads from the doorway to the stair hall at the rear of the house.

In 1881 Augustus Sessions, who owned 836 William St., leased this house to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the South Baltimore Station (the church is located immediately to the north of this house), and it is presumed that for some years the house served as the parish house for the church.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber FAP 890, Folio 375

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

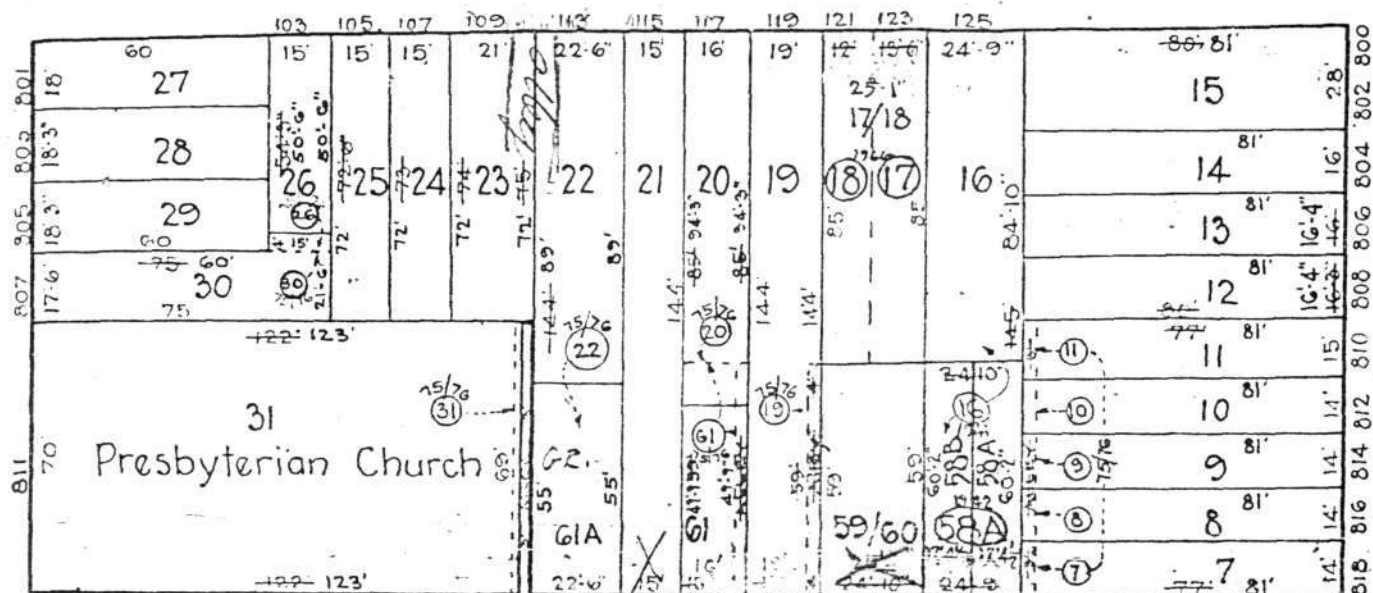
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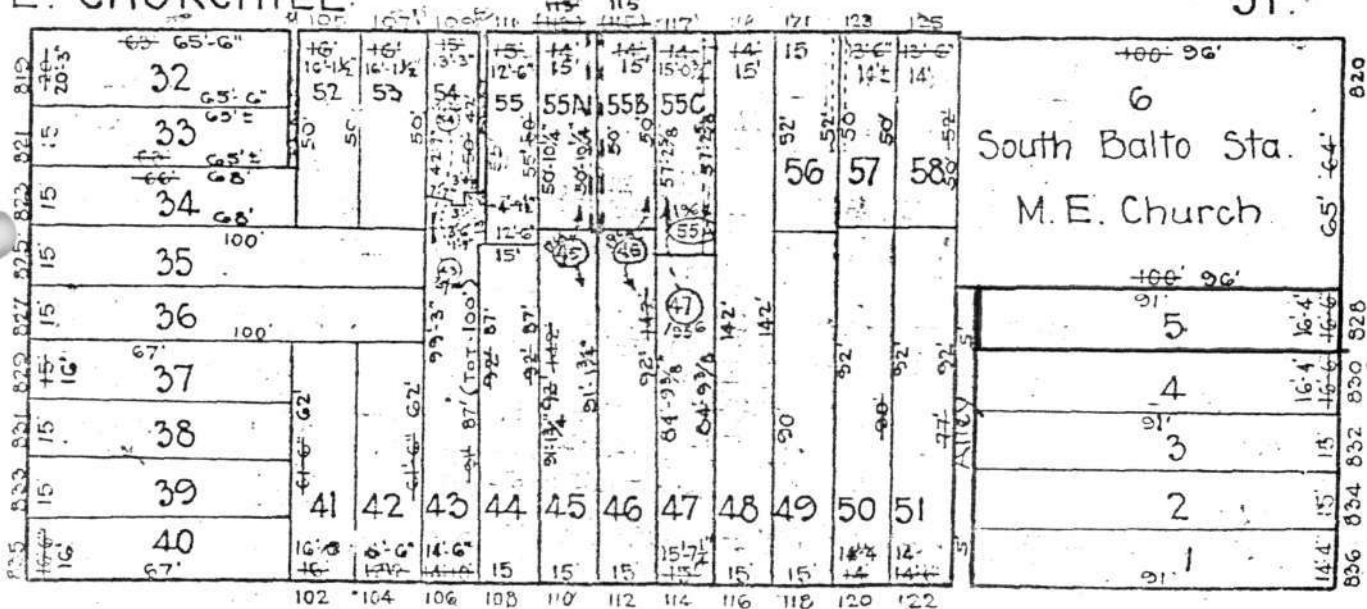
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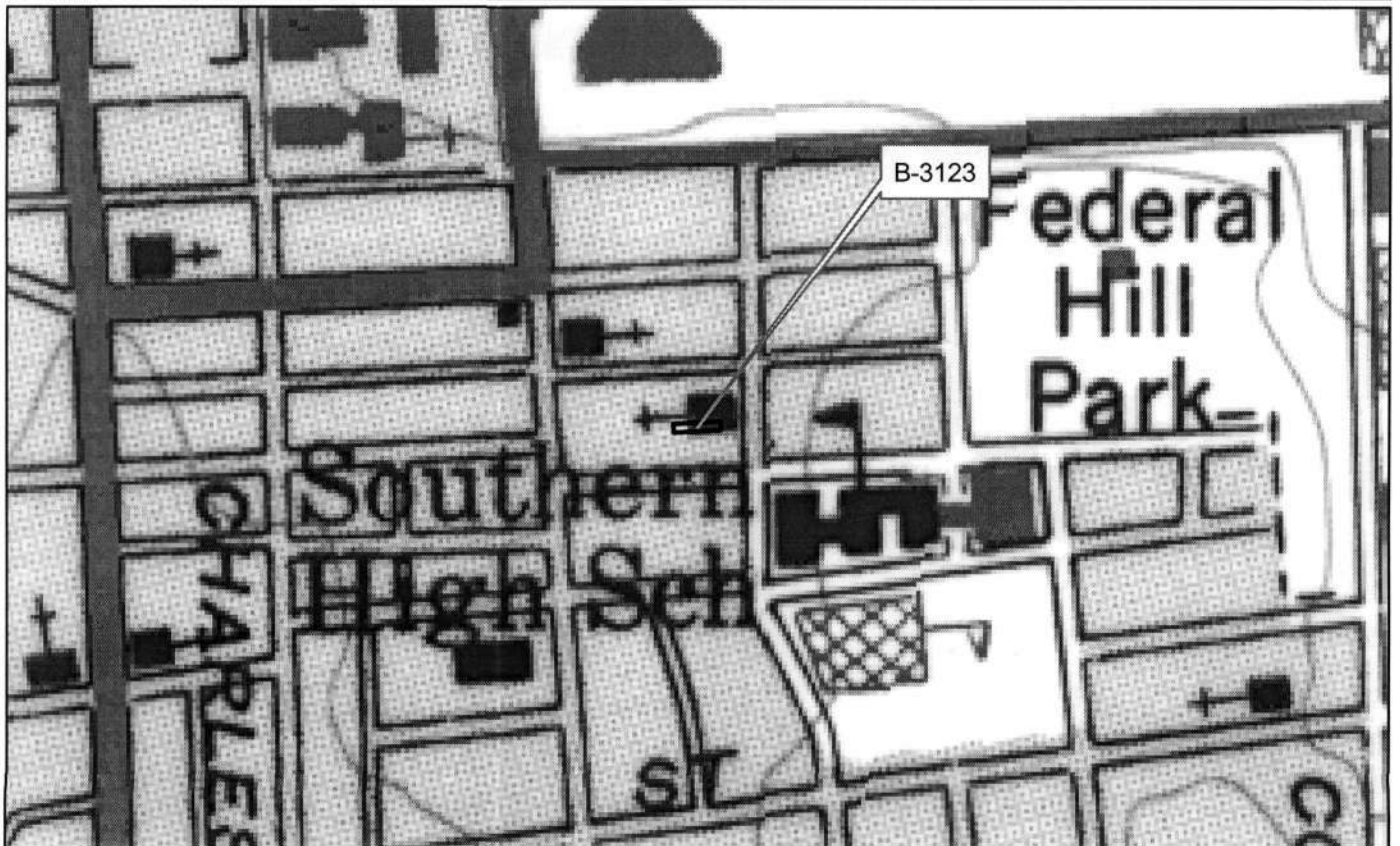
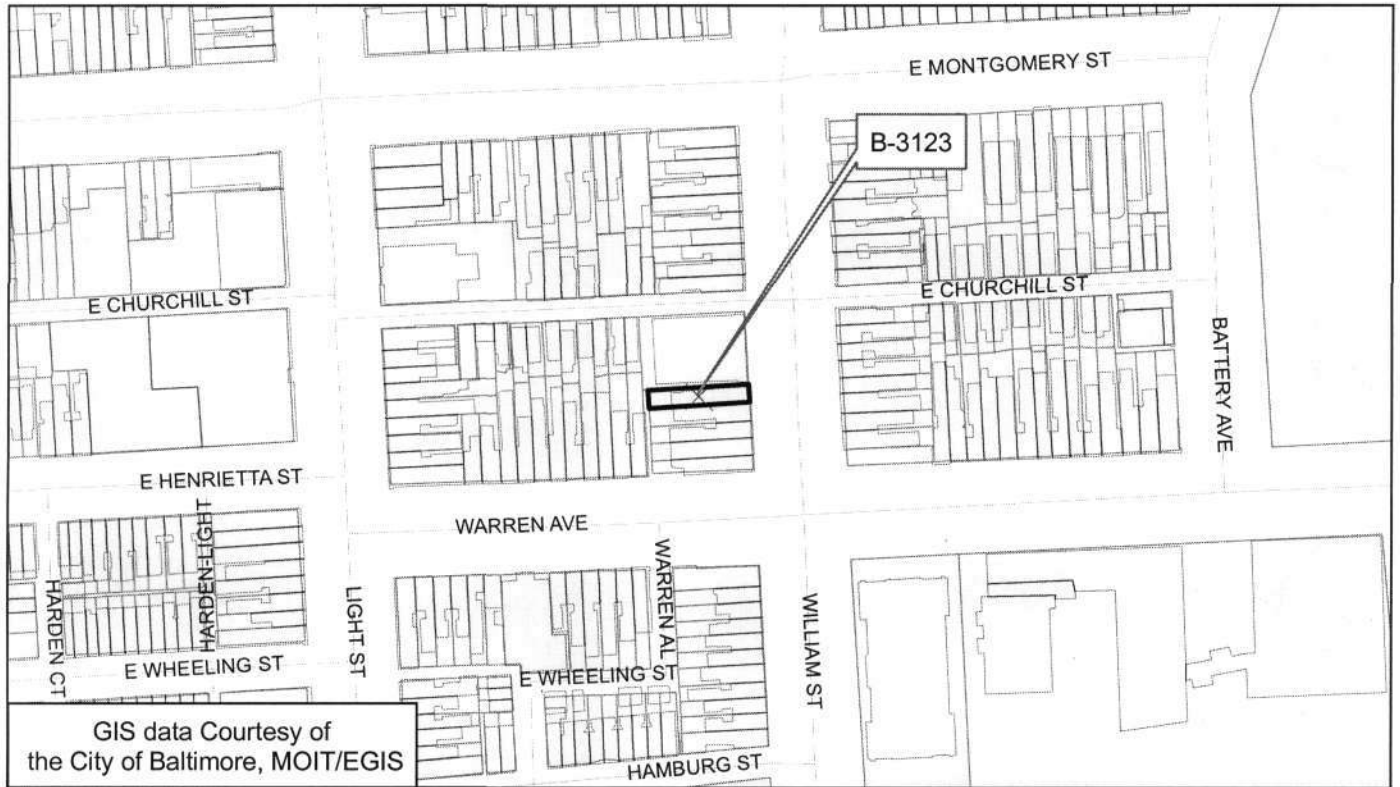
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Block 0906 Lot 005
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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East elevation